The Rural Rental Housing Association (RRHA) of Illinois established a Field of Interest fund in memory of Barbara Carpenter at the Community Foundation. The **RRHA of Illinois Barbara Carpenter Education Fund** supports education initiatives for youth in the Rural Rental Housing Association of Illinois membership areas.

The Association's education fund honors Barbara Carpenter, who was a charter member of the RRHA of Illinois, and an officer and board member for over 20 years. She was the recipient of the Association's Outstanding Service Award for her accomplishments on behalf of the Association and affordable rental housing in Illinois. Barbara was well respected by the tenants of the many apartment properties which she managed in Central Illinois. She was also a strong advocate for Section 515 management concerns and worked diligently on their behalf to present their needs to officials of USDA Rural Development, the agency that oversees the federal Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program.